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5.  A list of 3 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449

**NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES**

- Enclosed is a Japanese language office action for a counterpart application. The office action lists seven references, four of which were submitted in a previous IDS.
- The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
- Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:

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	02-283481	11/20/90	JAPAN			Abstract	
	05-238097	09/17/93	JAPAN			Abstract	
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